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For: METHOD OF DETERMINING THE
GENETIC MATERIAL OF COCOA IN
FERMENTED OR ROASTED BEANS AND
CHOCOLATE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and comments into the file of the above-identified application prior to the examination thereof.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, please replace the title with the following title:

**--METHOD OF DETERMINING THE GENETIC MATERIAL OF COCOA IN
FERMENTED OR ROASTED BEANS AND CHOCOLATE--.**

Please insert after the title on page 1 the following:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of the U.S. National Stage designation of International application PCT/EP99/08268 filed October 29, 1999, the content of which is expressly incorporated herein by reference thereto.--

FIELD OF THE INVENTION--.

Please insert on page 1 after the first paragraph the following heading:

--BACKGROUND ART--.

On page 2 of the present specification after the fourth paragraph and before the fifth paragraph starting with "Consequently, . . ." please insert the following:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

On page 3 after full paragraph 2 and before full paragraph 3, starting with "Moreover, the present invention allows . . ." please insert the heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

On page 4 after the first full paragraph and before the second paragraph, "In the figures" please insert:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

On page 4 before the last paragraph starting with "In the following examples . . .", please insert the following heading:

--EXAMPLES--

REMARKS

The above amendments are made to put the application in proper format to enter the U.S. National Stage. No new matter is added.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. Should any fees be due, however, please charge such fees to Winston & Strawn Deposit Account No. 501-814.

Respectfully submitted,

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